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THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT PRESS
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BEGIN TEXT.

THE FOLLOWING FACTS SHOULD PUT INTO PERSPECTIVE ALLEGATIONS
OF A U.S. OPIUM SUBSIDY TO TURKEY:

WHEN THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY ANNOUNCED LAST JULY ITS

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DECISION TO RESCIND THE TOTAL BAN ON OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION,

IT GAVE ASSURANCE THAT IT WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PREVENT DIVERSION OF OPIUM INTO ILLICIT CHANNELS AND THAT IT WOULD WELCOME GUIDANCE FROM THE UN AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN ESTABLISHING CONTROL MEASURES. PURSUANT TO THIS END, TURKEY HAS INVITED TWO MISSIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS TO VISIT THAT COUNTRY, AND A THIRD IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH. ON JANUARY 6, 1975, THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY INFORMED THE UNITED NATIONS THAT IT HAD FORMALLY DECIDED TO RESUME POPPY CULTIVATION ON THE BASIS OF THE POPPY STRAW PROCESS WHICH IS MORE CONTROLLABLE THAN THE OPIUM-LANCING PROCESS.

THE REPORT OF THE SECOND UN MISSION IS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION BETWEEN UN OFFICIALS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY AGREEMENT RELATING TO MONEY WHICH MIGHT BE REQUIRED TO COMPENSATE TURKISH FARMERS FOR POSSIBLE LOSSES INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS OF SHIFTING FROM THE OPIUM LANCING PROCESS TO THE POPPY STRAW PROCESS. IF THE UN DETERMINES THAT SUCH LOSSES ARE INVOLVED, WE UNDERSTAND IT WOULD ENVISAGE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PRESUMABLY FROM THE UN FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL. THIS FUND, TO WHICH A TOTAL OF SOME \$13.6 MILLION HAS BEEN CONTRIBUTED SINCE IT WAS ESTABLISHED IN EARLY 1971, IS AVAILABLE TO THE UN AND ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES FOR USE IN ASSISTING MEMBER GOVERNMENTS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO CURB DRUG ABUSE.

GIVEN THE INTENSE UNITED STATES INTEREST IN CURBING THE ILLICIT INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKING IN HEROIN, THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS BOTH THE OBJECTIVES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE UN FUND AND EXPECTS TO CONTINUE MAKING ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO IT. TO DATE THE US CONTRIBUTION HAS AMOUNTED TO \$10 MILLION. END TEXT MAW

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